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Quickfire Week *The week in bullet points*

- ◇ Our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students have been hard at work every week training for their practice expedition being held this weekend. We wish our students the best of luck.
- ◇ On Tuesday 23rd April our Year 7's took part in a study skills day. We hope this was an enriching experience for them and will aid them in their studying and future exams.
- ◇ **Next week (Week A)**
- ◇ **Thursday 2nd May and Friday 3rd May: GCSE art exam, all day.**

Trip Payment Schedules

Japan: Fourth instalment of £295 is due. The fifth instalment of £295 will be due 26th May.

Norfolk and Normandy: Final instalments are due.

Croatia: Deposit of £150 is due. Second instalment of £475 is due 1st June.

Menus



Our new school dinner menus are on the website:

<https://www.holcombegrammar.org.uk/about/menus/>

Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new term (Term 5). We hope students have had a good break and have come back feeling refreshed and ready to learn. Welcome to Mr Bridges, who joins us as Teacher of Maths and Economics.



Holcombe Association Disco



Year 7 and 8 Holcombe Grammar School and Fort Pitt Grammar students enjoyed a school disco held here at Holcombe. This was organised by the Holcombe Association. A total of £150 was raised, which will go towards

buying equipment or funding an event for Holcombe pupils, to enhance their learning. A fun-filled evening was had by all. Thank you to the Holcombe Association for their work in organising this, to our members of staff involved with the event, and to our parent helpers who volunteered to help on the evening.

Newsletter

Our April Newsletter is now available on our school website. Please see here: <https://www.holcombegrammar.org.uk/2019/04/newsletter-april-2019/> We are so proud to see so many fantastic news articles about the goings on at Holcombe and the outstanding achievements of our students. We hope you will find this issue informative and inspiring.



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Dates

Monday 6th May	May Day Bank Holiday
W/C Monday 6th May	Year 7, 9 Prelims (core subjects only)
7th-10th May	Norfolk Trip
10th May	Year 10 Finance Exam
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	May Break
Monday 3rd June	Term 6 starts
Thursday 13th June	Year 5 Taster Session (PM, after school)
Monday 17th June	Year 10 Internal Examinations
W/C Monday 24th June	Year 12 Prelims
24th-27th June	Normandy Trip
Thursday 27th June	Year 6 Induction Day and Evening for parents
W/C Monday 1st July	Year 12 Work Experience Week
2nd-3rd July	Sixth Form Induction
Thursday 4th July	Senior Prizegiving
Monday 8th July	Year 7 trip to Dover Castle
Tuesday 16th July	Founders' Day
Friday 19th July	End of Term

Fundraising



Holcombe students took part in various fundraising activities in the last week of Term 4. On the 5th April, a tag day for the Royal British Legion was held, led by Year 10 student Joshua

Sandys. Meanwhile, a cake sale led by Mr Curry and his Year 8s raised money for their chosen charity, Stand Up To Cancer. Also, Miss Martin has been raising money for Kings College Hospital. The total raised for the Royal British Legion is £478.56, while the cake sale for Stand Up To Cancer raised £107.92, and the Kings College Hospital fundraising raised £119.46, which will be added to Miss Martin's existing total, which stands at over £1000, which far exceeded her goal of £500! The total raised on the last day of term was a fantastic £705.94. Thank you to Joshua, Mr Curry and Miss Martin for all of their efforts. We would also like to thank all of our staff and students for their generous donations and support. We are proud to be a school supporting such great causes and making a difference.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES Term 5

	BEFORE SCHOOL (7.30AM)	LUNCHTIME (1.20PM)	AFTER SCHOOL (3.05PM)
MONDAY	HANDBALL GYM BASKETBALL BADMINTON	GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB (M10)	TABLE TENNIS
TUESDAY	HANDBALL GYM BASKETBALL BADMINTON	BOXERCISE BOOK THIEVES (A10) SPANISH/FRENCH FILM CLUB (S16) YR 7 HARRY POTTER CODING CLUB (H11)	ATHLETICS HOMEWORK ON TIME (B12) ART CLUB (D20)
WEDNESDAY	HANDBALL GYM BASKETBALL BADMINTON	HIGH JUMP ARTICULATE (M14) CHESS CLUB (E12) YR 7 MET GROUP (M13)	GYM YR 7&8 CRICKET HOMEWORK ON TIME (B12) DUKE OF EDINBURGH (B15)
THURSDAY	HANDBALL GYM BASKETBALL BADMINTON	GCSE PE SUPPORT RIDDLE CLUB (M13) YR7-10 YUGIOH (H11) YR 8 MET GROUP (M13)	ATHLETICS HOMEWORK ON TIME (B12) ART CLUB (D20)
FRIDAY	HANDBALL GYM BASKETBALL BADMINTON	DEBATING SOCIETY (B12) KS3 FILM CLUB (H15)	GYM GCSE PE PRACTICAL SUPPORT LEGO CLUB (B12)



We also have the Medway Victory Sea Cadets Unit. Cadets are expected to regularly attend the unit on Mondays 6pm-8pm The Victory Academy in smart, tidy uniform. If you would like to find out more about the Sea Cadet Corps, search 'Medway Victory Sea Cadet Unit' on Facebook or contact trevor.eaton@cadetmail.mod.uk, or contact Mrs Villalta within school.

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